

CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE

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The City Manager's Update is a weekly newsletter that provides information about ongoing projects, events, and initiatives across League City.



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Annual Employee Recognition Awards

Every December at the City's annual employee luncheon, three staff members—nominated by colleagues—are honored with awards for their exceptional service, impact, and leadership. This year's winners are:



Service Award

Yolanda Sierro

Facilities Services Technician



Impact Award

Lynette Bodmer

Community Outreach & Volunteer Coordinator for Animal Care



Leadership Award

Raul De La O

Heavy Equipment Operator
Crewleader for Streets & Stormwater



The City Manager also awards one exceptional individual and one exceptional team with the City Manager's "Making a Difference" award. This year's winners are:

Individual Making a Difference Award

Kimberly Corell

Director of Finance



Team Making a Difference Award

Telecommunications

LCPD



Holiday Hours & Closures

City facilities will have amended hours the week of December 19, the week of December 26, and the week of January 2 in observance of the Christmas and New Year holidays.

City Hall, City Hall Annex, Civic Center, and Municipal Courts

- December 22: Closed at 1:30 p.m.
- December 23–26: Closed
- January 2: Closed

Helen Hall Library & Hometown Heroes Recreation Center

- December 22: Closed at 2 p.m.
- December 23–26: Closed
- December 31–January 2: Closed

League City Community Center

- December 22: Closed at 6 p.m.
- December 23–26: Closed
- December 30: Closed at 6 p.m.
- December 31–January 2: Closed

Trash Service

- December 24: No service (if this is your regular trash day, your service will resume on your next regularly scheduled day)
- Trash service will operate as normal on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day
- Christmas tree pickup will begin on January 5

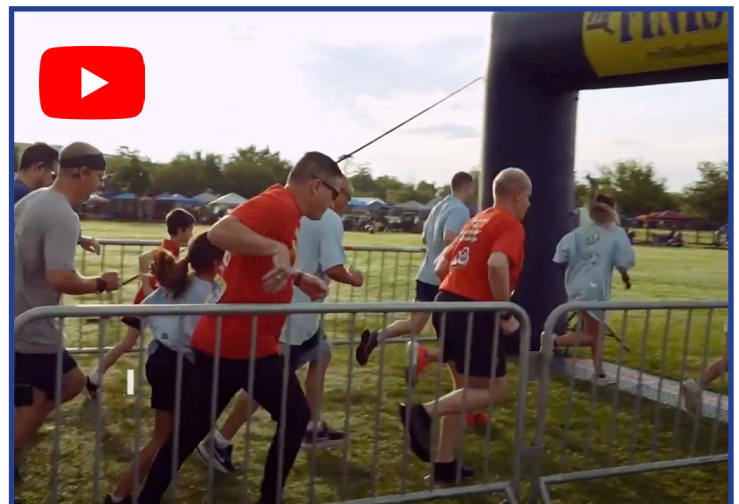


New Year 5k Fun Run

Join us on January 2, 2023 for a New Year Fun Run at Hometown Heroes Park and help us kick off the "New Year, New You" and It's Time Texas Challenge! All ages are welcome. Participants can sign up for either the 1 mile or 5K run/walk. Only the 5K run will be timed. The 1-mile run will start at 9 a.m. and the 5K run will start at 9:30 a.m.

Race proceeds will go to benefit the Patrons of the Parks and Arts Foundation. T-shirts will be available to the first 200 that register. 5K Age Group Awards will be awarded to first and second place male and female in each age division.

[Registration can be done online here.](#)



January 2

At Hometown Heroes Park

1 mile: 9 a.m.

5K: 9:30 a.m.

New
Year

FUN RUN

LEAGUE CITY

**IT'S TIME TEXAS
COMMUNITY CHALLENGE**

T-shirts available to
the first 200 registered

Cost: 1 mile: \$25 | 5K: \$35

Race proceeds will go to
benefit the Patrons of
the Parks and Arts
Foundation

Free Goat Yoga Demo
8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.
for all registered race
participants



Register online at: www.leaguecitytx.gov/5k

Councilman Sean Saunders Sworn into Office

Councilman Sean Saunders, who won the runoff election for Position 7, was sworn into office at Tuesday's City Council meeting. Following the ceremony, he immediately got to work participating in a Council Workshop. There is one remaining City Council meeting in 2022. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 20 at 6 p.m.



Buc-ee's Employee & LC First Responders Save Man's Life

On September 16, a League City resident went into sudden cardiac arrest in the Buc-ee's parking lot. A bystander called 911 to alert first responders. League City dispatch then called Buc-ee's to ask if someone could start CPR while first responders deployed to the scene.

Christine Windsor, the Buc-ee's employee who answered the call, immediately ran outside to start CPR on the man. League City Volunteer Fire Department duty officer Johanna Schoeffler soon arrived on scene with LCPD Officer Christopher Nehring. They performed two-person CPR, restoring the man's pulse.

When EMS crews arrived, the man was in critical condition. Paramedic Angelica Rios and EMT Amanda Rodriguez continued aggressive medical care and transported him to Methodist Clear Lake. Thanks to the quick administration of CPR by Christine, and continued care by League City's first responders, the man has made a full recovery. On Monday, December 12, League City Fire Chief Mike Lugo and EMS Chief Nicole Smith awarded Christine a Letter of Commendation and awarded League City's first responders Unit Citations for Life Saving Care.



Performing CPR in the first two to three minutes of cardiac arrest can triple a person's chances of survival. Statistics show if treatment isn't provided in the first 10 minutes, chances of survival are near zero.

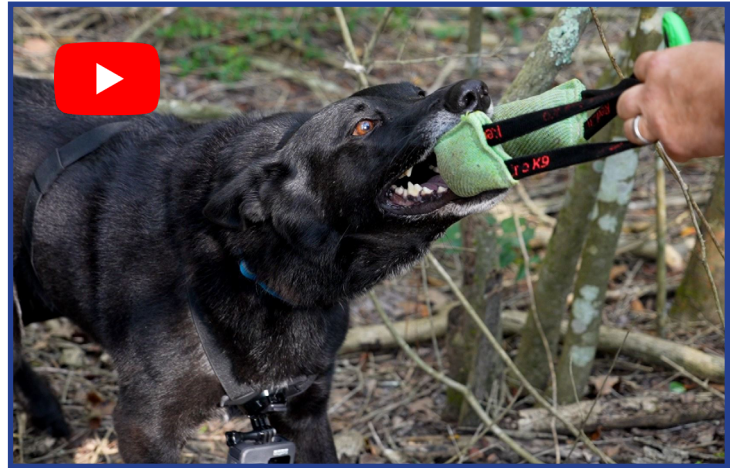
If you would like to learn CPR, we encourage you to enroll in a class. You might be the only one able to save someone's life, and that person could very well be a friend or family member. In fact, Christine performed lifesaving care on her husband this past summer after he went into cardiac arrest.

Starting in January, League City's EMS training division will offer CPR classes every third Saturday of the month. Call 281-554-1212 for more information. We will update the public when online registration opens for the January class.

Shelter Dog Becomes Certified Search Dog

Justin O'Keefe, a League City Water Department employee, has volunteered with Alpha Search and Recovery for the last seven years. This Houston-based group assists various organizations, including Texas EquuSearch, in their search for missing people. In 2019, Justin and his wife Jasmine—League City's Animal Services Manager—adopted Sirius from League City Animal Care with the goal of training up a new search dog.

After years of training, Sirius recently passed his official test and became a certified Human Remains Detection Dog with the National Association for Search and Rescue (NASAR). Justin and Sirius are now ready to be deployed to look for missing people in the area.



Holiday Blood Drive December 20

During this Season of Giving, consider giving the gift of LIFE. Each blood donation can save up to 3 lives. All successful donors will receive a FREE Gulf Coast Regional Blood Drive hoodie.

- Tuesday, December 20
- Johnnie Arolfo Civic Center, 400 W. Walker St.
- 10 am to 3:45 pm

[Sign up for a time slot here.](#)



Parks & Rec Staff Win Regional Awards

League City Parks and Recreation staff recently took home three awards from the Texas Recreation and Park Society East Region Awards. Congratulations to these outstanding employees!

pictured left to right

- Vanessa Garza: Part-Time Employee of the Year
- Kenny Walsh: Innovative Program of the Year (Hewitt's Heroes)
- Tara Dahl Campbell: Recreation Professional of the Year



Library Happenings

Helen Hall Library wants to thank all who attended our Yule Ball on Saturday, December 10! Everyone had such a wonderful time, and the costumes looked awesome! What a great way to bring in the holiday season. We can't wait until next year!



Next Week's Events

Axiom Quartet

Sunday, December 18 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.; for all ages
Come listen to a dynamic professional string quartet that explores all genres of music with no boundaries or limits.



I Spy Children's Activity

Monday, December 19 through Friday, December 30, all day; for children and their families
Find hidden holiday pictures in the Children's area and get a prize!

Craft Carnival

Tuesday, December 20 from 10:30 a.m. to noon; for all ages
Enjoy cartoons as you put together a kit of craft materials!

Teen Comic Relief

Tuesday, December 20 from 5 to 6:30 p.m.; for ages 12 to 18
Teens learn to think on their feet through fun improv games! This program is co-hosted by a Teen Advisory Board member.

[Visit the Helen Hall Library website](#)

Parks and Rec Week in Review

Program registration can be done in person or by visiting our [online registration site](#).

Upcoming Events and Programs

Astronomy in the Park

January 7, 7 to 9:30 p.m. at Rustic Oaks Park
Open to the Public. No registration required.



Dance Lessons

Mondays at Hometown Heroes Park

Session 1: January 23 to February 13

Rumba Class: 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Salsa Class: 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Cost: \$40 per person for one class or \$60 for both classes

Registration is required.

Upcoming Registration



Adult Tennis

Tuesdays, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.
at Rustic Oaks Park.

16 and older

Cost: \$89 a session

Session 1: January 3 to 24

Session 2: January 31 to
February 21

Session 3: February 28 to
March 28

Registration opens

December 14 for League
City Residents.

Daddy Daughter Dance

Two nights to choose from, both themed Boots and
Dresses.

January 21, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. At Johnnie Arolfo Civic
Center.

February 3, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. At Hometown Heroes
Park.

Cost: \$27.50 per person for League City Residents.

Registration opens December 15.

Spring Baseball, Soccer and Volleyball

Registration for League City Residents opens January 4.

Registration for non-residents opens January 19.

[Visit the Parks & Rec website for more
program information](#)

League City Animal Care

Animal Care Wish List

The animals at League City Animal Care have come up with their Wish List, and they're looking for some friendly humans to help fulfill it! Currently, the Animal Care facility is extremely over capacity and they have a lot of needs as they care for so many animals. Please consider purchasing something off of their wish list to help support them on their mission to keep these animals alive and healthy as they await their forever homes.

<https://www.leaguecitytx.gov/3913/Donate>

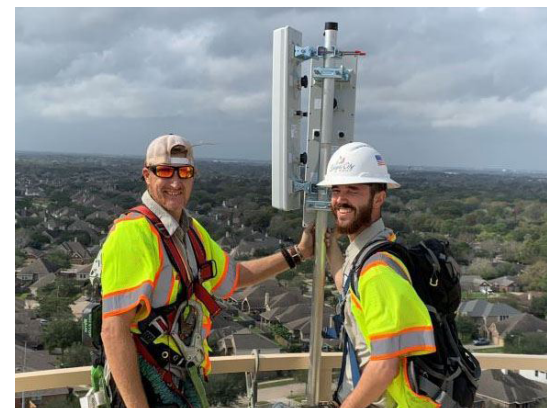
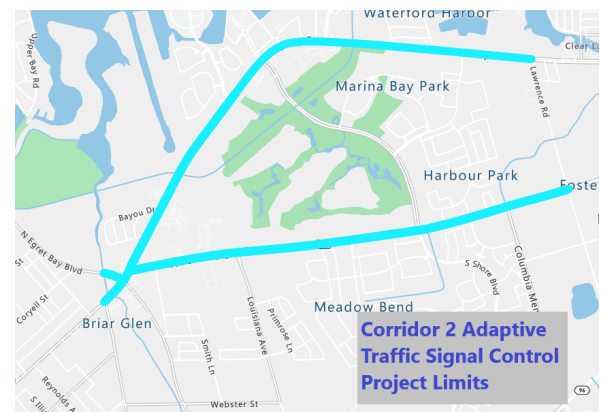
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Public Works in Action

Adaptive Traffic Signal Control Corridor 2 Update

Traffic crews recently installed antennas on the South Shore water tower for the Corridor 2 adaptive traffic signal control project. Corridor 2 consist of Marina Bay Dr. and FM 518 spanning from 5-Corners to Lawrence Rd. for both corridors. Over the next few weeks, crews will also install antennas onto the traffic signals to connect to the antennas on the water tower. This equipment will provide connectivity of the traffic signals onto the network, allowing them to transmit data to and from the traffic controllers. While this work is in progress, staff is programming the traffic signal's locations into the server software to prepare for activation as each one is brought online. Each signalized location will be configured so all will communicate as needed. Once all equipment is installed and online with the required settings, staff will move to the next phase of the project, which involves testing and observing the recommendations the software provides prior to field activation.



Public Works in Action



Insulating Pipes at Wastewater Facilities

Freezing temperatures can damage the piping system of a wastewater treatment

plant. Taking preventative measures before the frigid temperatures arrive, such as insulating pipes, can reduce and eliminate the risk of frozen pipes and costly repairs. Preventing failures and ensuring continuous operation of the wastewater facilities help provide the community with reliable wastewater services.

New Dump Truck Arrives for League City Public Works

The City recently received a long-awaited replacement for

one of our large dump trucks. Delivery of fleet replacement vehicles is currently taking up to 18 months. The unit being replaced has been in service for over 18 years. A lengthy evaluation process is utilized to determine when it is more cost effective to replace a piece of equipment versus keeping the old unit in service. Our Public Works Department is looking forward to getting this new truck in service to help keep our streets maintained and our drainage systems clean.



[Read more stories of Public Works in Action](#)

Public Safety

Now Hiring!

Come join our team. LCPD has positions available to work in beautiful League City. We have a supportive administration, good salary, and benefits along with the most generous, caring community in TEXAS.

Sign-up now at www.leaguecity.com/577/LCPD-Jobs



WATCH: Blue Santa "Shop With a Cop"

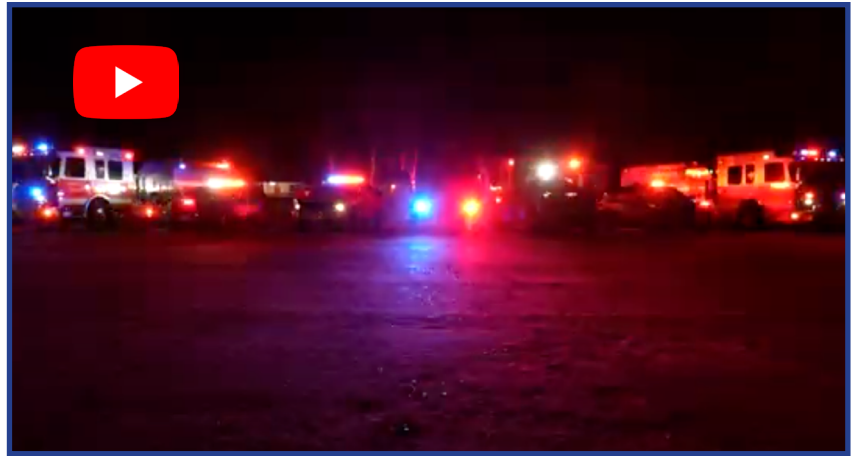
League City Police Department held the 2022 Blue Santa "Shop with a Cop" last weekend. Representatives from League City Fire Department helped LCPD find gifts for over 100 kids in 30 families. Thank you to all the residents and members of the community who donated. Your generosity made a huge difference to so many children this holiday season.



Public Safety

First Responders Choreograph Special Christmas Performance

Lights! Camera! MUSIC! League City's first responders have choreographed a special Christmas performance for everyone to enjoy. Happy Holidays, League City!



Capital Improvement Projects

Did you know that League City has 15 City Parks, 2 Dog Parks and 24 miles of Hike & Bike Trails? There are also a host of other outdoor amenities available to our citizens, including paddle trails, granite walking/running trails, and a mountain bike course.

The Project Management group works in conjunction with the Parks Department to design and construct these amenities and renovate them when they have reached the end of their useful life. We are currently working on eight projects in varying stages of design or construction. Below is a highlight from one of our ongoing projects.

To learn more about projects that impact your neighborhood, explore our interactive project map at www.leaguecitytx.gov/2989/Interactive-Project-Map

Bay Ridge Park

www.leaguecitytx.gov/4351/Bayridge-Park

Most of the existing facilities at this 1.8-acre neighborhood park were aging and in need of replacement or improvements for several years. Improvements include a new playground, a 5-foot-wide concrete perimeter walking/jogging trail, a small picnic pavilion, baseball field improvements, basketball court resurfacing, and landscaping.

The project is proceeding on schedule with substantial completion expected by the end of the year. This means the project will be open for use in early January, but there may be some intermittent work before final completion. The basketball court was resurfaced the week before Thanksgiving and has been in use since completion. The concrete trail around the park is complete, minus a few touchups including new concrete pads in the dugouts. The new pavilion structure has been installed and the playground is expected to be installed in the next couple weeks.

